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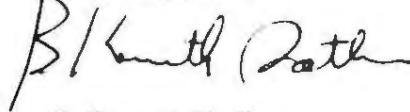
RE: Docket No. ~~960329~~-WS
Application of GULF UTILITY COMPANY for
an increase in Wastewater Rates, approval of a decrease in
Water Rates and approval of Service Availability Charges in Lee
County, Florida

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing are an original and fifteen copies of Gulf Utility Company's Affidavit of mailing the Notice of Interim Rate Increase, in reference to the above docket.

Please acknowledge receipt of the foregoing by stamping the enclosed extra copy of this letter and returning same to my attention. Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,



B. Kenneth Gatlin

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Gulf Utility Company

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Application for increase in rates) Docket No. 951056-WS
and service availability charges in Lee)
County by GULF UTILITY COMPANY)

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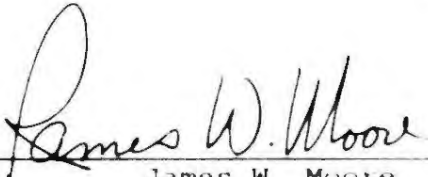
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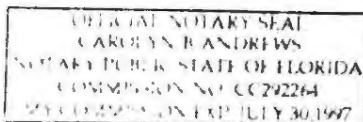
BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, duly authorized by law to administer oaths and to take acknowledgements, on this day personally appeared James W. Moore, who after being duly sworn on oath, deposes and says:

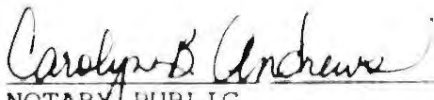
1. That the Affiant has personal knowledge of the matters set forth herein;
2. That on November 6, 1996, a copy of the Notice attached hereto was sent by regular U.S. Mail to all customers of record within the service areas of Gulf Utility Company.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.


 By: _____
 James W. Moore

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE me this 7th day of November, 1996.





 NOTARY PUBLIC
 State of Florida at large
 My Commission Expires: 7/30/97

WATER RATE SCHEDULE

Monthly Rates

	<u>Current Rates</u>	<u>Utility Requested Interim & Final Rates</u>	<u>Commission Approved Interim Rates</u>
Residential, Multi-Family, General Service			
Base Facility Charge:			
Meter Size:			
5/8"x3/4"	\$8.45	\$7.88	\$7.88
3/4"	\$12.68	\$11.82	\$11.82
1"	\$21.13	\$19.70	\$19.70
1 1/2"	\$42.25	\$39.38	\$39.38
2"	\$67.61	\$63.02	\$63.02
3"	\$135.21	\$126.03	\$126.03
4"	\$211.27	\$196.92	\$196.92
6"	\$422.54	\$393.85	\$393.85
Gallonge Charge, per 1,000 gal.	\$2.16	\$2.01	\$2.01
<u>Irrigation</u>			
Base Facility Charge:			
Meter Size:			
5/8"x3/4"	\$8.45	\$7.88	\$7.88
1"	\$21.13	\$19.70	\$19.70
1-1/2"	\$42.25	\$39.38	\$39.38
Gallonge Charge, per 1,000 gal.	\$2.16	\$2.01	\$2.01
<u>Public Authority</u>			
Base Facility Charge:			
Meter Size:			
1"	\$21.13	\$19.70	\$19.70
2"	\$67.61	\$63.02	\$63.02
3"	\$135.21	\$126.03	\$126.03
4"	\$211.27	\$196.92	\$196.92
Gallonge Charge, per 1,000 gal.	\$2.16	\$2.01	\$2.01
<u>Private Fire Protection</u>			
Base Facility Charge:			
Meter Size:			
1"	\$7.04	\$6.56	\$6.56
1-1/2"	\$14.08	\$13.12	\$13.12
2"	\$22.54	\$21.01	\$21.01
3"	\$45.07	\$42.01	\$42.01
4"	\$70.42	\$69.37	\$69.37
6"	\$140.85	\$131.29	\$131.29
8"	\$225.35	\$210.05	\$210.05
12"	\$605.64	\$564.52	\$564.52
<u>Typical Residential Bills</u>			
5/8"x3/4" meter			
4,000 Gallons	\$14.93	\$13.91	\$13.91
5,000 Gallons	\$19.25	\$17.93	\$17.93
6,000 Gallons	\$30.05	\$27.98	\$27.98

Gulf Utility Company
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NOTICE OF INTERIM RATE INCREASE

November 6, 1996

Dear Customer:

This letter will follow-up a recent notice you received regarding a rate decrease for water rates and rate increase for wastewater service. On June 27, 1996, Gulf Utility Company filed an application for decrease in water rates and increase in wastewater rates and decrease in water and increase in wastewater service availability charges in Lee County with the Florida Public Service Commission (Docket No. 960329-WS). At the Agenda Conference on October 9, 1996, the Commission approved certain interim water and wastewater rates and charges for Gulf Utility Company.

Pursuant to Section 367.082, Florida Statutes, these interim rates are authorized in order to allow the utility the opportunity to earn the minimum of the range of rate of return as described in that statutory section. A hearing will be held in the service area on February 6-7, 1997. These rates are placed into effect subject to refund with interest of any such portion of these rates which may be found by the Commission to be disallowed after final hearing. A decision on the utility's requested increase for final rates is scheduled for consideration at the Commission's Agenda Conference on April 15, 1997.

Gulf Utility Company is placing into effect those rates and charges approved by the Commission as set forth below. These rates will be effective for meters read on or after November 1, 1996 and shall initially be reflected on your November 1996 bill.

If you have any questions concerning these rates, please call our office at (941) 498-1000. A customer service representative will answer your questions or provide you with an answer at a later period of time.

WATER RATE SCHEDULE

Monthly Rates

	<u>Current Rates</u>	<u>Utility Requested Interim & Final Rates</u>	<u>Commission Approved Interim Rates</u>
Residential, Multi-Family, General Service			
Base Facility Charge:			
Meter Size:			
5/8"x3/4"	\$8.45	\$7.88	\$7.88
3/4"	\$12.68	\$11.82	\$11.82
1"	\$21.13	\$19.70	\$19.70
1-1/2"	\$42.25	\$39.38	\$39.38
2"	\$67.61	\$63.02	\$63.02
3"	\$135.21	\$126.03	\$126.03
4"	\$211.27	\$196.92	\$196.92
6"	\$422.54	\$393.85	\$393.85
Gallonge Charge, per 1,000 gal.	\$2.16	\$2.01	\$2.01
<u>Irrigation</u>			
Base Facility Charge:			
Meter Size:			
5/8"x3/4"	\$8.45	\$7.88	\$7.88
1"	\$21.13	\$19.70	\$19.70
1-1/2"	\$42.25	\$39.38	\$39.38
Gallonge Charge, per 1,000 gal.	\$2.16	\$2.01	\$2.01
<u>Public Authority</u>			
Base Facility Charge:			
Meter Size:			
1"	\$21.13	\$19.70	\$19.70
2"	\$67.61	\$63.02	\$63.02
3"	\$135.21	\$126.03	\$126.03
4"	\$211.27	\$196.92	\$196.92
Gallonge Charge, per 1,000 gal.	\$2.16	\$2.01	\$2.01
<u>Private Fire Protection</u>			
Base Facility Charge:			
Meter Size:			
1"	\$7.04	\$6.56	\$6.56
1-1/2"	\$14.08	\$13.12	\$13.12
2"	\$22.54	\$21.01	\$21.01
3"	\$45.07	\$42.01	\$42.01
4"	\$70.42	\$69.37	\$69.37
6"	\$140.85	\$131.29	\$131.29
8"	\$225.35	\$210.05	\$210.05
10"	\$605.64	\$564.52	\$564.52
<u>Typical Residential Bills</u>			
5/8"x3/4" meter			
4,000 Gallons	\$14.93	\$13.91	\$13.91
5,000 Gallons	\$19.25	\$17.93	\$17.93
6,000 Gallons	\$30.05	\$27.98	\$27.98

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WASTEWATER RATE SCHEDULE

Monthly Rates

	<u>Current Rates</u>	<u>Utility Requested Interim</u>	<u>Utility Requested Final</u>	<u>Commission Approved Interim Rates</u>
<u>Residential</u>				
Base Facility Charge: All Meter Sizes	\$14.48	\$15.82	\$16.48	\$16.73
Gallonge Charge, per 1,000 Gallons - Wastewater gallonge Cap - 10,000 gallons	\$3.07	\$4.06	\$4.23	\$3.55

General Service, Multi-Family, & Public Authority

Base Facility Charge:				
Meter Size:				
5/8"x3/4"	\$14.48	\$15.82	\$16.48	\$16.73
1"	\$36.20	\$40.23	\$41.19	\$41.82
1-1/2"	\$72.39	\$79.10	\$82.37	\$83.62
2"	\$115.85	\$126.58	\$131.81	\$133.83
3"	\$231.68	\$253.14	\$263.61	\$267.64
4"	\$362.01	\$395.54	\$411.89	\$418.19
6"	\$724.01	\$791.08	\$823.78	\$836.39
Gallonge Charge, per 1,000 gallons	\$3.68	\$4.88	\$5.08	\$4.25

Master Meter Influent Service

Base Facility Charge:				
Meter Size:				
5/8"x3/4"	\$14.48	\$15.82	\$16.48	N A
1"	\$36.20	\$40.23	\$41.19	N A
1 1/2"	\$72.39	\$79.10	\$82.37	N A
2"	\$115.85	\$126.58	\$131.81	N A
3"	\$231.68	\$253.14	\$263.61	\$267.64
4"	\$362.01	\$395.54	\$411.89	\$418.19
6"	\$724.01	\$791.08	\$823.78	N A
Gallonge Charge, per 1,000 gallons	\$3.84	\$5.08	\$5.29	\$4.44

Typical Residential Bills

<u>5/8"x3/4" meter</u>				
3,000 Gallons	\$23.69	\$28.00	\$29.17	\$27.38
5,000 Gallons	\$29.83	\$36.12	\$37.63	\$34.48
10,000 Gallons	\$45.18	\$56.42	\$58.78	\$52.23

Any comments regarding the utility's service or the rate increase may be directed to the Director, Division of Records and Reporting, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850.